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Application of: P. ERDMANN *et al.*

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LACTIC RAW MATERIAL

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2001 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the file of this application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a petition for extension of time for three months to and including February 23, 2002; (b) a copy of the pending claims (Appendix A); and (c) a marked copy of the amended claims (Appendix B).

In the Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A process for the extraction of glycomacropeptide or caseinoglycomacropeptide ("GMP") from a lactic raw material comprising the steps of:
- deionizing a lactic raw material for a time sufficient to obtain a substantially deionized lactic raw material having a pH of about 1 to 4.5 with the pH being adjusted, if necessary, to the recited range;
 - contacting the substantially deionized lactic raw material with an anionic resin having a hydrophobic matrix for a sufficient amount of time and at a sufficient temperature to remove GMP from the substantially deionized lactic raw material and to obtain a treated liquid material;
 - separating the resin from the treated liquid material; and
 - removing GMP by separating it from the resin.